■ OCEAN SPRINGS — Mildred L. Ayers, 72, died Monday, May 27, 1996, in Ocean Springs.

Mrs. Ayers was born in Starkville and had been a resident of Ocean Springs for more than 20 years. She was a member of Belle Fountain Baptist Church in Ocean Springs.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ben C. Ayers, and son, Ben

Crawford Ayers Jr.

Survivors include three daughters, Anna Margaret Ayers McArthur of Mobile, Lessie Harriet Ayers Stone of New Orleans, and Elizabeth Ann Ayers Stone; a son, David Samuel Ayers, both of Ocean Springs; two sisters, JoAnn Dacus of Tucker, Ga., and Corinne Crossley of Koscuisko; a brother, Robert David Sherrard Jr. of Biloxi; ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A service will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home, Ocean Springs, where friends may call 30 minutes before service time. Burial will be in Crestlawn Memorial Park in Ocean

Springs.

Mildred L. Ayers